

25, WILTON PLACE.
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My dear Gray

I have to thank you for
various letters - for the completion
of Sawallis Catalogue - for your
cheque on Beeve & Co which I believe
I acknowledged immediately but
cannot recollect I have been very
busy of late. The Luncheon Society have
just moved into their new rooms in
Burlington House and the Royal
Academy began pulling our old rooms
to pieces before we could get the work done
out of the new ones all was confusion
the Secretary out of town the Librarian
an excellent accountant etc but very
slow and a good deal of the direction fell
upon me

The three copies of the Luncheon

Journal Botany will be duly sent by
post according to your direction

Now that our library has expanded
into the new shelves we have better
means of seeing the deficiencies, but
there are any means of procuring for
the Society the Zoological and Botanical
portions of the several Reports of
the Boucard, and other European
Expeditions, and especially such as
Creve Coeur's Botany of the 40 parallel
Your and Torrey's Botany of the Emory
& Whipple expeditions etc - any of them
that are not in the Smithsonian
publications which we have

I was much pleased with what
you said of Princeps Dawson in
an article in the Nation - He was
made much of here and I went to

hear him at the Royal Society but was
much disappointed

I am very busy with *Chlorocera*
which I have nearly finished and
shall then go to Gen. St. - I have
found great aptitude in the
Genera of *Chlorocera* in a character
which I had overlooked as it was
said to be variable in the same genus
and I had then few means of testing
it - the presence & absence of albumen
which appears to be constant in genera
if limited as I proposed - the supposition
that with albumen prove to be
Chlorocera or *Leucocera* which have
whilst I do not find it in any true
Chlorocera I have examined

Yours very sincerely
George Oehlman